



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON
FREDERICK STREET CSO INTERCEPTOR
SRF # WW11 15 35 03**

Date: November 13, 2012

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the town's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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SRF Programs
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Frederick Street CSO Interceptor**
City of Huntington
300 Cherry Street
Huntington, IN 46750

SRF Project Number: WW11 15 35 03

Authorized Representative: Brooks Feters, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Huntington is located in Huntington County southwest of Fort Wayne. The project is in Huntington Township in the Huntington quadrangle, Township 28N, Range 9E, Section 15, the Bippus quadrangle, 10 Sections at Forks of the Wabash River, and the Andrews quadrangle, Township 28N, Range 9E, Sections 21 and 22. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Three alternatives were considered for this project: Alternatives A, B, and no action.

Alternative A: Abandon the Lafontaine Street lift station (LS) and install an interceptor to carry storm and sanitary flow to an existing diversion structure located across the river, and connected to, the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). This alternative will collect the overflows from Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) numbers 005, 006, and 007 and transport these overflows by gravity interceptor to an existing diversion structure. The interceptor will be approximately 6,700 feet long and will be comprised of 36-inch, 48-inch, and 54-inch pipe; from east to west, it will be installed along Lafontaine St., a grassy area, Frederick St., Clark St., and Williams St. to the diversion structure. The diversion structure discharges into a pipe that crosses under the river and flows by gravity toward the POTW. For the immediate future, the CSO volume captured by this phase of the project will continue to discharge into the river through CSO 004; however, a project proposed for construction in 2014 will collect the 1-year, 1-hour overflows and transport them to a future equalization basin, and from there to the POTW for treatment.

Alternative B: Abandon the Lafontaine Street LS and relocate to near CSO 005; the LS would be upgraded in capacity. This alternative would collect the overflows from CSO numbers 005, 006, and 007 and send them to the new lift station. Eventually, flow would be lifted by force main into a future CSO interceptor along the north side of the river and sent to the POTW for treatment.

The No Action alternative for this project was rejected, since the frequency and volume of CSOs to the Little River would not change, and the city would not meet the overflow reduction proposed in the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP).

Alternative A is the chosen plan. It will reduce the frequency and volume of combined sewer overflow discharges from CSO numbers 005, 006, and 007 to the Little River during wet weather storms not exceeding the 10-year/ 1-hour storm.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The estimated cost of the project is \$8,426,000. \$374,000 of this cost is for a proposed recreational trail located within the construction limits of the proposed interceptor west to Elmwood Park; the trail will incorporate permeable pavement and, where appropriate, rain gardens. Huntington will borrow approximately \$8,426,000 from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for a 20-year term at a fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

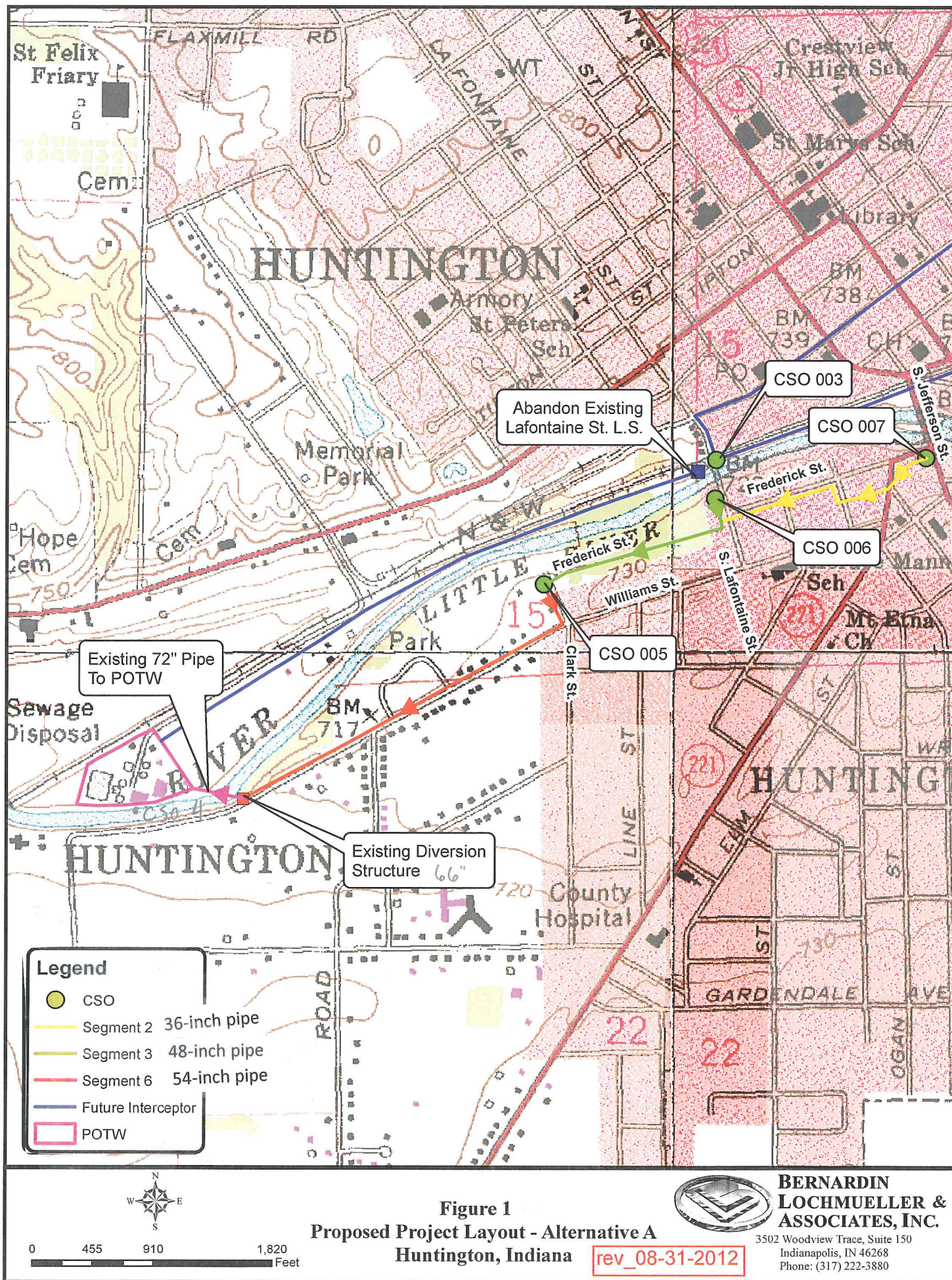
The project will not affect a 100-year floodplain, wetlands, surface waters, endangered species or prime/unique farmland. The grassy area crossed by the proposed interceptor was previously disturbed by the installation of a 12-inch sewer and utility poles.

Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish, or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected"; see figures 2 and 3.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A properly noticed public hearing was held on June 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Huntington City Hall, 300 Cherry Street.

Questions raised by attendees were addressed by the city's engineering consultant. No written comments were received in the 5-day period following the hearing.



DROVER TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT (27001-27213)

- Legend**
- Segment 2
 - Segment 3



This district was an early platted (1859-1875) settlement by Henry Drover, who named the streets for his children. There are many Italianate, Greek Revival and turn-of-the-century homes along Jefferson, as well as along William, Frederick and other streets.

Drover town is already well known to local residents. The Horace Mann/William Street School (27059), listed on the National Register, is a good example of a well-constructed institutional building, blending the Romanesque and Queen Anne styles. Other buildings on the National Register include the Samuel Purviance House (27189) and the German Reformed Church (27111).

FREDERICK STREET (North Side)

No.	Add.	Description
001	476	HOUSE; Eastlake/Stick; c.1890 (N)
002	462	HOUSE; Colonial Revival; c.1910 (C)
003	452	HOUSE; Craftsman; c.1910 (C)
004	444	HOUSE; Vernacular/Cabled Eli; c.1900 (C)
005	432	HOUSE; Federal; c.1860 (C)

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Figure 2

HUNTINGTON SCATTERED SITES NO. ④ (28140 - 28221)

- Legend**
 Segment 3
 Segment 6
- 140 N **ELMWOOD PARK PAVILION**,
 1110 William St.; Craftsman;
 c.1935; Architecture,
 Entertainment/Recreation, Social
 History (016)
- 141 N **RUSSELL CAREY HOUSE**, 1058
 William St.; Spanish Colonial
 Revival; c.1930; Architecture (016)
- 142 C **HOUSE**, 963 William St.;
 Vernacular/I-House; c.1880;
 Exploration/Settlement,
 Vernacular/Construction (049)
- 143 C **HOUSE**, 919 William St.;
 Italianate; c.1880; Architecture
 (049)
- 144 C **HOUSE**, 405 Hasty St.; Eastlake
 Cottage; c.1900; Architecture (016)
- 145 C **HOUSE**, 425 Hasty St.; Craftsman;
 c.1920; Architecture (016)
- 146 C **HOUSE**, 1369 Walnut St.;
 Craftsman; c.1920; Architecture
 (016)
- 147 O **FAHL FARM AND POLYGONAL
 BARN**, 706 Clark St.; Queen Anne
 House/Polygonal Barn;
 c.1895/c.1910; Vernacular/
 Construction (016)

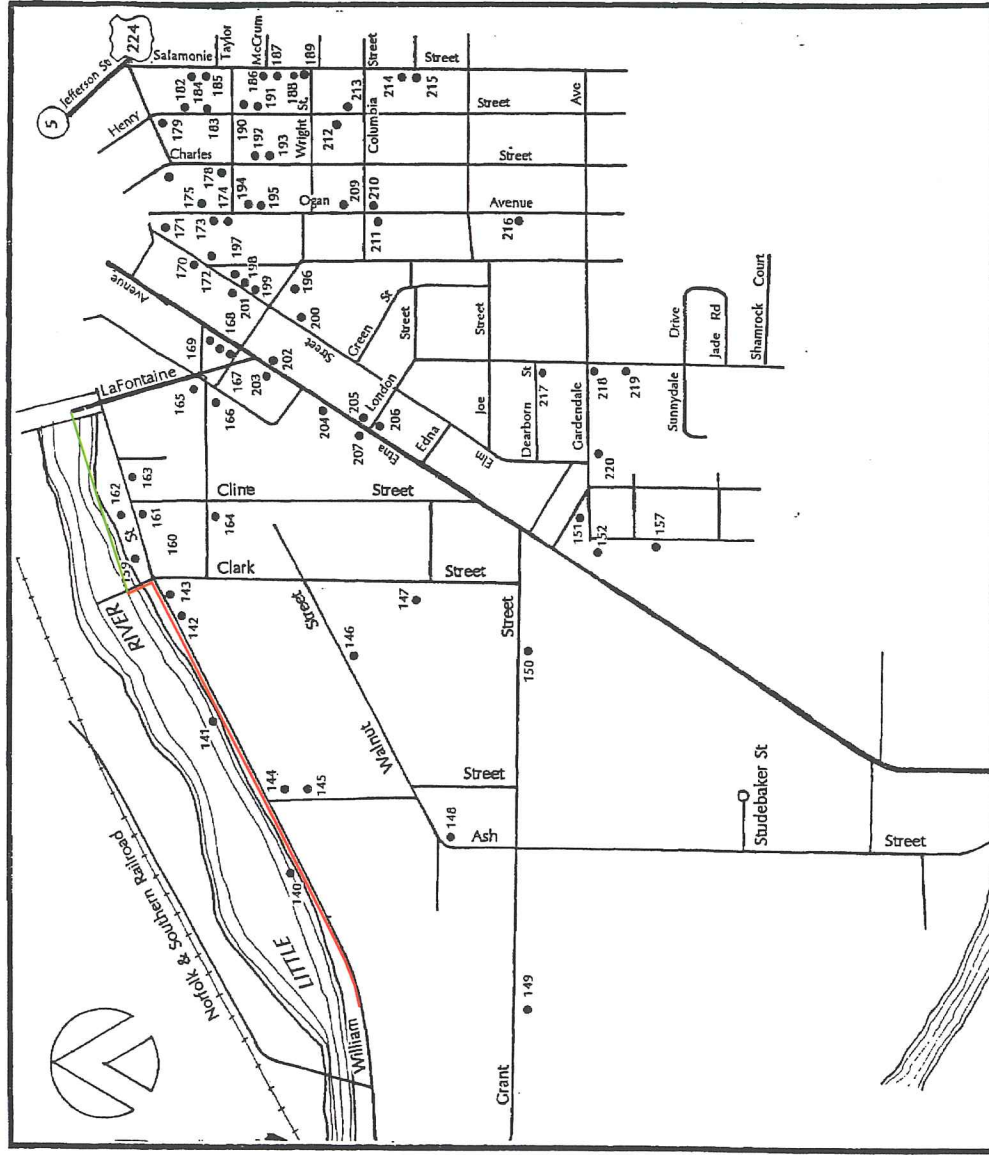


Figure 3